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PM/DTCC FOR BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR - R. JOUBERT-LIN

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SUBJECT: UK FOLLOW-UP: BLUE LANTERN CASE NUMBER 05-0141752

REF: EMAIL ON 01/29/09 BETWEEN PWIKLE AND RJoubert-LIN

1. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Office (HMRC) has provided the responses to the REF questions posed by the Department for a name check and bona fides on Specialist Technologies Ltd., a United Kingdom Company. The text of the UK response follows:

Specialist Technologies Ltd were established in 1988 by Mr. Colin Davis, who is still their Managing Director. The Company has an annual turnover of 11m GBP and have expanded over the years so that now it supplies components for a wide range of fixed and rotary wing aircraft as well as some ground support equipment. The company formed an alliance with Arnold Wrang Ltd, and as its holding company, STL is known as STAG, its brand.

Enquiries have shown that STL have never come to the attention of the H.M Revenue and Customs Strategic Export regime, and as such appear to be a bona fide company.

The company have had a recent compliance visit by BERR (Department of Business, Enterprise, and Regulatory Reform). The officer responsible explained that although at the time of the visit End-User certificates against the companies Open Individual Export License (OIEL) were not available they were submitted subsequently, and, in his opinion, he did not anticipate major problems with full compliance in the future.

Colin Davis was asked to reply to your questions. He very promptly provided the following information. He said that the company supply Westland Helicopter EH101 parts to STL, sister company SpecTech USA in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, who in turn supply Kawasaki. The goods are covered under their OIEL and are destined for Japanese government contracts.

In terms of physical security in the UK, Mr Davis said that the site has full red-care cover (this is a security system providing continuous monitoring by telephone line being linked to an alarm system at a receiving center). Access for employees is via swipe card during the day.

2. The written response from HMRC has been forwarded to PM/DTTC via unclass email.

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